



**Town of Port Deposit
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session Meeting
Conference/Video Meeting
June 16, 2020**

The public was invited to call into the meeting via videoconferencing or audio by phone.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

On June 2, 2020 at 7:55 p.m., Mayor and Council convened in closed executive session pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Title 3, Subtitle 3, Section 3-305 (b) (1) To consider the employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

Mayor and Council discussed an Employment Training Agreement and Counsel McCarron provided legal advice relative to the annexation process.

The Closed Executive Session was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. and Council did not return to open session.

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Kuhs called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Kuhs, Councilman Broomell, Councilman Brown, Town Administrator Rinkerman, and Finance Manager Sookiasian.

ABSENT: Mayor Tome and Councilman Knight

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2020-05 – ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS to Article X, Section 175 Table of Permissible Uses, Section 181 Group Home, Halfway House, Assisted Living Facilities, Section 198 Adult Oriented Commercial Enterprises, Massage Parlors, Etc., and Section 205 Swimming Pools, Community.

Town Administrator Rinkerman advised the Council that the Planning Commission approved Resolution 05-2020 at their May 28, 2020 meeting, recommending approval of Ordinance 2020 – 05 and the amendments as stated. The Council reviewed Ordinance 2020-05 and the proposed Zoning Code Text Amendments.

There was no public comment on Ordinance 2020-05.

ORDINANCE 2020-06 – ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT to Article XV Signs, Section 264 Permitted Signs

Town Administrator Rinkerman advised the Council that the Planning Commission approved Resolution 06-2020 at their May 28, 2020 meeting, recommending approval of Ordinance 2020 – 06 and the amendments as stated. The Council reviewed Ordinance 2020-06 and the proposed Zoning Code Text Amendments.

There was no public comment on Ordinance 2020-06.

Ordinance 2020-05 and Ordinance 2020-06 will be scheduled for a vote at the July 7,2020 Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Budget - Finance Manager Sookiasian provided overview on the Capital Budget. He discussed pre-approved projects including the Rice Tot Lot, Façade Improvement Grant, basketball courts, and Tome’s Steps Phase II.

Finance Manager Sookiasian presented a new project that has not been approved at this time, which entails a new, smaller, more maneuverable mower requested by public works.

Code Enforcement Update – Town Administrator Rinkerman presented Counsel McCarron’s findings on questions that were asked at the previous Town Council Meeting regarding auxiliary police officers and code enforcement in Marina Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Administrator Rinkerman provided overview on the temporary outdoor seating requested by businesses to provide additional seating for customers due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Council discussed developing potential guidelines relative to seasonal use of public areas.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Brown informed the Council that he had spoken with the contractor for the basketball court and discussed dimensions and logistics of the basketball court.

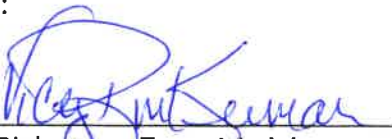
Deputy Mayor Kuhs mentioned his observation of how steady the boat launch in Marina Park has been on the weekends.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Deputy Mayor Kuhs announced that Town Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3 2020 in observance of the Fourth of July Holiday.

ADJOURMENT – The public meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The meeting was recorded and audio is available upon request.

Attest:



Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator

Approved:



Robert Kuhs, Deputy Mayor